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Deputy Regional Forester to Retire

Frank J. Kopecky, a deputy regional forester for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service, will retire at the end of this month, according to Regional Forester R.E. Worthington, USDA Forest Service.

Kopecky has been in his present job since 1974, transferring from Denver. His career has spanned 35 years of government service, including three years in the Army Air Forces in World War II.

As one of three principal assistants to the Regional Forester, Kopecky has been responsible for the administration and supervision of cooperative programs for forest management, fire protection, and forest pest protection in Oregon and Washington. His successor has not been chosen, Worthington said.

Kopecky is a native of Wisconsin and began his Forest Service career there on the Nicolet National Forest in 1946. Following graduation from the University of Minnesota in 1951 with a degree in forestry, he started fulltime service on the Chequamegon National Forest in Wisconsin.

He then served in Ohio and Michigan before becoming a district ranger on the Clark National Forest in Missouri in 1957. He next went to the Eastern Region headquarters in Milwaukee, to the Shawnee National Forest in Illinois as forest supervisor in 1961, moved to Denver as assistant regional forester in 1966, and to Portland in 1974.

Kopecky and his wife Renee, who is a teacher in the Beaverton schools, plan to stay in Oregon. They have three children, John in Portland, Laurie in Bellevue, Iowa, and Jerry in Chicago.

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